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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, GE, GW, WB

SUBJECT: GAUS-NIER MEETING FEBRUARY 21

REF: BONN 2200

SUMMARY: AT FEBRUARY 22 BONN GROUP MEETING, FONOFF REP
WAS ABLE TO BRIEF ALLIES ON GAUS-NIER MEETING IN BONN
FEBRUARY 21. HE SAID FRG SIDE BELIEVED IMPORTANT PRO-
GRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE NINE-HOUR SESSION. END SUMMARY

1. THE FONOFF REP (LUECKING) SAID PROGRESS WAS
PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN SEVERAL AREAS:

A) WORKING LEVEL ACCREDITATION. NIER HAS AGREED TO DROP
TIME PERIOD FOR ACCREDITATION OF GDR PERMANENT MISSION
TO FRG CHANCELLERY. THE GDR WILL WRITE A LETTER TO FRG
INDICATING ITS POSITION IN GENERAL TERMS, BUT WOULD
EXPECT NO REPLY.

B) VIENNA CONVENTION. BOTH SIDES NOW REGARD ANALOGOUS
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APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION TO THEIR MISSIONS AS

SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

C) FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSIONS. A GENERAL CLAUSE COVERING THIS SUBJECT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.

D) CREDENTIALS/TITLE. THIS QUESTION REMAINS OPEN, WITH GDR STILL PUSHING FOR PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR FOR ITS CHIEF REP, WHILE FRG PREFERS NO TITLE. (FONOFF CONTINUES TO VIEW THIS AS A FAIRLY MINOR ISSUE.) NIER DID NOT RAISE ISSUE OF HOW FRG PERMANENT MISSION WOULD BE INCLUDED IN DIP LIST, BUT FRG STILL FAVORS "OTHER MISSIONS" SPECIAL CATEGORY.

E) NIER AGREED FRG MISSION MEMBERS COULD USE CHECKPOINT CHARLIE, SINCE IT IS OPEN AT ALL TIMES OF DAY.

F) THE GDR IS READY TO REPEAT THE BERLIN DECLARATION MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BASIC TREATY, BUT ONLY IN A PROTOCOL NOTE, NOT IN THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE MISSIONS.

2. BERLIN. BERLIN CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR STICKING POINT, BUT LUECKING REPORTED -
-FRG DEL NOW HAD THE IMPRESSION THE GDR NO LONGER WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE THE ENTIRE NEGOTIATION FOUNDER SOLELY ON THIS ISSUE. HE SAID THE FRG WILL INSIST ON ITS RIGHT TO CONSULAR REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN THE GDR--EVEN IN CASES (SUCH AS COURT PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS) IN WHICH THE WEST BERLINERS HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE GDR.

3. ADDITIONALLY, LUECKING SAID FRG WISHES TO FULLY REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE SAID IT IS CLEAR THE GDR WANTS TO DO AWAY WITH THE TREUHAND-STELLE IN BERLIN AND HANDLE BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS THROUGH THE PERMANENT MISSIONS. THIS MATTER REMAINS OPEN.

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